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In re Application of:

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AND MASS SPECTROMETRY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 7 April 2009, please consider the following:

<u>Amendments</u> to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page <u>2</u> of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.